

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1061

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Autrey Eskew "Sarge" Dye, Sr., of Lafayette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Autrey Eskew "Sarge" Dye, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Sarge Dye was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of Charles P. and Minnie Ella Stager Dye, Mr. Dye enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 at the age of nineteen; after completing his basic training in Oklahoma, he honorably served in Korea and Vietnam. During his career, he received a number of military awards, and he retired with twenty years of service at the rank of Sergeant First Class; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7135 in Lafayette, Mr. Dye served as Quartermaster from 2008 until 2017 and Post Commander from 2014 until 2015; he was the State of Tennessee Aide De Camp at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, Sarge Dye was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dye was the proud father of Autrey E. Dye, Jr., Chris Shores, Jeanine Wade, Mindy Oldham, and Autre Cooper and the devoted grandfather of Larkin Grant, Jessica Dye Rupe, Jason Dye, Sydney Hobbs, Dezaraye Dawkins, and Colston Oldham; he was the treasured great-grandfather of Savannah Seckman, Melissa Howell, Brittany Grant, Steven Grant, and Jordan Grant and the beloved great-great-grandfather of Jayce Allen IV. He is lovingly remembered by his longtime devoted friend and fishing buddy, Barbara Oliver; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Ann Dye, and his siblings, Grace, Hazel, Van, and Clarence Verbon; and

WHEREAS, Sarge Dye leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Autrey Eskew "Sarge" Dye, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dye.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.